Rules to stop exploitation of labourers abroad

†812. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules and regulations made to check the exploitation of labourers in the Gulf countries have been proved ineffective;

(b) whether Government has noticed the big scam of making fake documents which are required under these rules and regulation;

(c) whether vested interests have been found involved actively in this scam; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The Emigration Act, 1983, regulates the emigration of workers for overseas employment. There has been a rapid growth in the volumes of workers migrating to the Gulf. The present day migration process is complex with several ground-level problems that need a real-time response. A need has been felt for modernizing the legislative framework governing mobility of workers.

Following the recent CBI raid of some offices of Protector of Emigrants (PoE), the agency has reported forging of documents by some unscrupulous recruiting agents (RAs) to seek emigration clearance in collusion with some of the officials of the POE offices.

The Ministry has already initiated action to revamp the system by proposing a new legislation to make the immigration process simple, transparent and efficient.

National Youth Parliament Competitions

813. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to restructure the existing pattern of funding to provide financial assistance to the States for organizing National Youth Parliament Competition for school children;

(b) whether there is any provision for reimbursing the TA/DA to teachers and officials who are attending this programme; and

(c) if not, whether Government has any plan to introduce it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) No Sir;

(c) Does not arise.

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